

08-405 Avoyelles Correctional Center

Agency Description

The Avoyelles Correctional Center (AVC), located in Avoyelles Parish, outside Cottonport, opened in October 1989. The prison is located on a 1,187-acre tract that includes 38 acres of vegetable fields and 80 acres on which the institution itself is sited. Inmate living areas include four dormitories (including an honor dorm for inmates who maintain a very good institutional conduct record) and a working cellblock for maximum custody inmates whose institutional conduct precludes assignment to minimum or medium custody dormitories. Current operational capacity is 1,538. In February 1993, the AVC began operating under the unit management concept, in which Corrections Security Officer majors serve as unit managers. This concept allows for more defined areas of responsibility and accountability. The AVC received American Correctional Association accreditation in December 1992 and has since maintained accreditation. The AVC was released from the federal consent decree in 1997.

The mission of the Avoyelles Correctional Center is to provide for the custody, control, care, and treatment of adjudicated offenders through enforcement of laws and implementation of programs designed to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates and to reintegrate offenders into society.

The goals of the Avoyelles Correctional Center are:

1. Public Safety: Maximize public safety through appropriate and effective correctional custodial programs, supervisory services and community partnerships.
2. Staff and Inmate Safety: Provide for the safety of correctional staff and inmates by maintaining an organized and disciplined system of operations that promotes stability in our institutional and other field operations.
3. Provision of Basic Services: Provide appropriate services for victims of crimes committed by those offenders in our custody or under our supervision; and ensure that basic services relating to adequate food, clothing, health care, and shelter are provided to the inmate population.
4. Opportunity for Change: Provide an environment which enables positive behavior change by making or identifying educational and rehabilitative opportunities available within the unit or the community for inmates and persons under supervision who demonstrate motivation for change and the desire to participate in such programs.
5. Opportunity for Making Amends: Provide opportunities for making restitution and participating in community restorative initiatives as a mechanism to compensate individuals and communities harmed by crime.

The Avoyelles Correctional Center has five programs: Administration, Incarceration, Rehabilitation, Health Services and Auxiliary.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$16,789,357	\$17,747,561	\$17,747,561	\$18,340,679	\$17,787,854	\$40,293
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	62,808	62,808	62,808	62,808	62,808	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	1,090,127	1,256,596	1,256,596	1,347,792	1,672,569	415,973
Statutory Dedications	0	112,897	112,897	0	0	(112,897)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$17,942,292	\$19,179,862	\$19,179,862	\$19,751,279	\$19,523,231	\$343,369
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration	\$1,844,093	\$2,064,747	\$2,064,747	\$2,236,543	\$2,003,836	(\$60,911)
Incarceration	13,236,779	13,972,479	13,972,479	14,178,044	14,119,675	147,196
Rehabilitation	179,268	197,450	197,450	202,130	312,822	115,372
Health Services	1,793,190	1,895,186	1,895,186	1,993,366	1,936,210	41,024
Auxiliary Account	888,962	1,050,000	1,050,000	1,141,196	1,150,688	100,688
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$17,942,292	\$19,179,862	\$19,179,862	\$19,751,279	\$19,523,231	\$343,369
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	375	373	373	374	367	(6)
Unclassified	4	4	4	3	3	(1)
TOTAL	379	377	377	377	370	(7)